

Production Accountability Team Referral

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Production Accountability Team (OC-581/PAT group) at the National Operations Center (NOC) is accepting cases for Oil and Gas Production Accountability Review in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The purpose of the OC-581 is to assist and lend technical expertise in meeting and supplementing inspection goals.

Field Office (FO) managers may submit referral requests for cases (leases or agreements) through their respective State Director for OC-851 consideration to initiate production accountability reviews (RA and RV) in FY 2021. When selecting cases for nomination, please consider including five to ten cases meeting one or more of the following parameters:

1. Cases with known complicating issues (i.e., commingling, off-lease measurement, missing or unreasonable reporting, etc.);
2. Cases with a large number of wells; or
3. Cases with new operators.

When submitting nominations, please include the following information on the attached spreadsheet:

1. Field Office;
2. Case Number;
3. Number of wells;
4. Operator contact information;
5. Requested period of review;
6. Preference for a RA or RV inspection;
7. Special considerations (i.e., specific issues, concerns, FO staffing, etc.); and
8. Rank nominations in order of importance.

All cases nominated will be prioritized. Prioritization will be based on the issues noted, the type of review requested, number of wells in the case, and the capacity of OC-581. Reviews will be opened in Automated Fluid Mineral Support System (AFMSS) only when they have been assigned to be worked. Note, not all reviews nominated will be opened. The OC-581 will keep the Field Offices apprised quarterly of the status of each nomination. Please consider renominating any unworked cases in the future.

Most of the required data for the NOC reviews will be obtained from the AFMSS database, the operator of record, and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR). Requests for data from FO files should be infrequent and necessary only when data gaps occur. If AFMSS data is current and complete, little to no impact to FO staff is anticipated. All correspondence to the Operator of Record and ONRR will be courtesy copied to the respective FO manager and the State Office Inspection and Enforcement Coordinator.

Completed inspections and findings will be documented in the corresponding FO AFMSS database and will apply to the total inspection workload and accomplishments for that office as outlined in the annual Inspection and Enforcement Strategy. The OC-581 will place all records in labeled (case number and operator) file folders/backers and send to the FO point of contact for

permanent retention within 30 days of closing the inspection in AFMSS. The OC-581 may retain copies all documents.

State offices must notify OC-581 in the event of a State Director Review request per 43 CFR 3160.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Abdelgadir Elmadani, Acting, NOC Oil and Gas Section Chief, at 303-236-9359 or aelmadani@blm.gov or Elaine Giboo, Production Accountability Specialist, at 303-236-6367 or egiboo@blm.gov.



NOC nominations spreadsheet FY_202